

Stimmel Bros.

[Bookbinding, 10 Barclay St.], 1925

August 25th, 1925

Messrs. Stimmel Bros.
10 Barclay Street
New York City

Gentlemen:

At the suggestion of Mr. A. A. Hopkins of the Scientific American, I am writing to ask that you call on me at your convenience to see whether such binding as we have ~~can~~ be done by your firm for less than we have been paying. I would suggest your making an appointment with me by telephone. There is no great urgency about the matter.

Very truly yours,

Librarian & Secretary

September 10th, 1925

Messrs. Stimmel Bros.
10 Barclay Street
New York City

Gentlemen:

Herewith, I am sending the Auction Catalogues of which we talked when you were here.

With regard to the secondary part of the binding title which usually consists of the name of the dealer holding the auction and the year of the Sale, please have this placed uniformly throughout about half-way down the shelfback.

Also, please note that the printed price-lists are to be bound at the end of the Catalogue (not of the volume). This is important where there are separate catalogues in one volume.

Also, kindly bear in mind that covers are to be bound at the end of the volume but not of the catalogue, which is just the opposite to the instructions for the price-lists.

With this lot, I am sending a number of the American Journal of Numismatics, which has been pulled apart so as to make four or five separate titles. As per our telephone conversation, I want you to telephone me as to the cost of binding these in buckram, assuming that we bind five copies of each at the same time. The decision to have this done will rest in large measure on the cost of this work.

Very truly yours,

Librarian & Secretary

October 9th, 1925

Messrs. Stimmel Bros.
10 Barclay Street
New York City

Gentlemen:

Regarding the books delivered, there are a number of minor mistakes in the lettering, which will necessitate returning some of them. I believe these can be easily adjusted; but if it is possible for you to come on Monday when you call for the remaining volumes which you are to bind for us, it might expedite matters.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

November 18th, 1925

Mr. L. Stimmel
84 West Broadway
New York City

Gentlemen:

Your bill of November 15th is at hand, and I am quite at a loss to understand the charges.

For books less than one-half the size of the Auction Catalogues which you bound at the rate of \$1.50, you make a charge of \$1.85. And for others of the same size, \$2.00 to \$2.25 - apparently, with little regard to size or thickness, so far as I can discover.

Naturally, under the circumstances, I can hardly pass your bill.

Furthermore, in addition to a number of entirely unnecessary and rather stupid mistakes, many of the volumes have been returned to us in such a dirty thumb-marked condition, as to deprive one of any satisfaction in having them bound.

Perhaps it would be best for you to arrange an appointment by telephone so that we can go into these matters.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

LOUIS STIMMEL
GENERAL BOOKBINDER
ALL KINDS OF
BOOKBINDING. LOOSE LEAF DEVICES & REPAIRING
84 WEST BROADWAY

NEW YORK, Nov 21 1925

The American Numismatic Society
Dear Mr. Mr.

Your letter of the 18th received
and am surprised at the manner in
which you make certain comparisons.

I gave you an approximate price
on these bindings. which you at the
time agreed to be all right. The Auction
Catalogues I first bound, I understood were
not the kind to warrant your Society to
pay much for. Therefore I done same at
a very low price, in fact, too low.

The new lot, was so that we
had to match so many samples, which
required much more time and labor.

There were quite a few books of leather
binding when I had bought a skin of
at about \$3.50 just to be used on 1 book
I feel that there will never be any use of
rest of skin.

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You mention about stupid mistakes on
some books. I would like to see any
printer or letter who would do this
lot of books with out any errors. This
is not of our English language, you
should realize.

Now Mr. Roe. I guess you have
some idea of outlay for material and labor
which I had. and you would not be
acting fair in holding up bill any longer.

If there is anything to be gone over
or fixed I would be pleased to do so.
You surely could have sent back with
my boy the books you speak of.

Hoping you consider the difficulties
in which a job like this comes, and
let me know by return mail of Phone.
if you want me to send for Imperfect books.

I remain

Very respectfully yours
Lewis Stimmel
84 W. Broadway.

Mr. Louis Stimmel

84 West Broadway
New York City

Librarian and Secretary

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 21st is at hand. I am very sorry that you take the position you do.

My comment as to the comparison of prices had nothing to do with the leather bound books, but was confined chiefly to those in buckram. Even if the comparison were not made with the previous lot, it is difficult to see why you should charge one price for a large book and the same price for a much smaller book bound in the same material.

With regard to the mistakes, we have not asked you to do more than our previous bookbinders have done, and I cannot see why, with the printed title page before you, it is hard to copy a title - no matter what the language may be. Had you arranged to come here to see the mistakes, of which I spoke, I am sure you would have agreed that some of them were, as I said, unnecessary and stupid. I certainly expect you to rectify these errors.

Had I sent the books back with your boy when he called, he would have had to make a second trip for the books with mistakes, which were found among the lot he delivered.

If you care to telephone me to make an appointment in order to go over these volumes which must be corrected, I think that it would be a saving of expense to you and of time to me.

Awaiting your response,
Very truly yours,

Librarian and Secretary

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